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Sly Move!

Railways quietly moving

Royal Vintage Locomotives from Mysuru

Rail Museum to other Railway Offices & Museum

An insult to Mysore Maharajas and Heritage: MP Pratap Simha

The locomotive in Mysuru Rail Museum which is to be shifted to adorn the Railway Zonal Office in Hubballi.

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (BCT)- The Mysuru Rail Museum that is adding a new heritage site of historical value to Mysuru city is set to lose a vintage steam locomotive as plans are on to shift the loco to Hubballi to be displayed in front of the South Western Railway (SWR) Zonal Office

This is the second item to be shifted from the Museum after the Railway authorities have moved 'Maharaja's Saloon' from the Museum and donated it to the National Rail Museum, New Delhi. At present, only a part of the royal train remains in Mysuru Rail Museum.

The renovated and expanded Museum at a cost of Rs. 9 crore was opened to public in March last year. Taking objection to the move to shift the vintage steam locomotive to Hubballi, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has written to Ajay Kumar Singh, General Manager, South Western Railway to halt plans of moving the vintage attraction.

The MP has said that if heritage value locomotives that have a deep connection to Mysuru are shifted from the Mysuru Rail Museum, the Museum will ultimately lose all attractions. The MP's letter noted that a technical team comprising officers of Mechanical Department of SWR headquarters was in Mysuru a few days back to study the feasibility of shifting the vintage steam locomotive to Hubballi.

Hundred years of history

The steam locomotive has over a hundred years of history and this narrow gauge steam locomotive has worked on the Bowringpet-Kolar Railway constructed by the Mysore Durbar between 1913 and 1916 and financed by the District Board of Kolar from the proceeds of a debenture loan. Later, due to financial constraints, the cost was borne in equal proportions by the Durbar and the District Board, the MP has stated in his letter.

"The then Maharaja of Mysore had expressed his deep gratitude to the Kolar District Board and the people of Kolar District for having come forward to finance the project to serve the mineral-rich district of Kolar. Even the Metre Gauge Rail Bus housed in the Mysuru Rail Museum is said to have been in service on that section as a narrow gauge Rail Bus," Simha has stated.

Maharaja's Saloon was moved too

"During my recent visit to the Rail Museum, I was appalled to know that the 'Maharaja's Saloon' was donated to the National Rail Museum, New Delhi and only a part of the Royal Train remains here. Now, another heritage item is proposed to be moved out of the Mysuru Rail Museum," he has said.

(See MOVE on page 6)

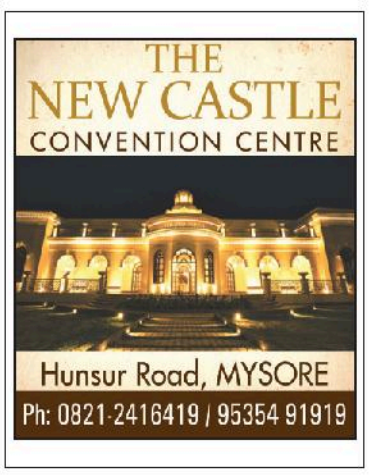
Who is the mole?

Railway officials launch internal investigation to find out who leaked information about shifting to MP Pratap Simha!

The plan to shift the vintage steam locomotive from Mysuru Railway Museum to Hubballi Zonal Office seems to have been a secret operation because when *Star of Mysore* photographer visited the Museum this morning, he was told that there is no permission to click a photo of the locomotive.

Later when *Star of Mysore* photographer and reporter asked around and contacted some officers, they on condition of anonymity said that an internal investigation has been ordered to find out who leaked the information about shifting of the locomotive to MP Pratap Simha!

One wonders why the Railways is secretly moving the locomotive of Mysore Maharajas which is rightly displayed in Mysuru Rail Museum? And why should Mysuru MP be kept in the dark about it?



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 19th March 2021

CA, CS, ICWA qualifications equivalent to PG degree: UGC

New Delhi, Mar. 19 (Agencies)- The University Grants Commission (UGC) has resolved that the Chartered Accountant (CA), Company Secretary (CS) or Cost and Works Accountant (ICWA) qualification will be treated equivalent to Post-Graduate (PG) degree holders.

The Company Secretary degree holder will now get an opportunity to pursue Ph.D in Commerce and allied disciplines. According to Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), the course content has been designed to keep pace with the changing dynamics of global governance framework.

"The Institute also has a full-fledged academic and research wing that enhances the acumen and expertise of its members and students and encourages them to undertake research in crucial areas like Corporate Governance, Company Law, CSR, Tax Laws, Securities Laws, Capital Market, Finance, Accounting, Economic and other Commercial Laws etc," as per ICSI.

"The UGC had received requests from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), the ICSI and the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, to consider the qualification being awarded by them — CA, CS and ICWA, equivalent to PG degrees," the UGC said.

"To consider this, a Committee was constituted by the UGC. The Commission considered recommendation of the expert committee and resolved that CA, CS and ICWA qualification be considered equivalent to PG degrees," it added.

Bhagavadgita in School curriculum after experts' opinion: Minister Suresh Kumar

Tumakuru, Mar.19 (SSV) - The State Government is thinking of starting the new academic year from July 2021 only after seeing COVID-19 second wave, said Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar.

Talking to reporters here on Wednesday, he said the Azim Premji Foundation has given a shocking report that students have forgotten Maths due to non-opening of Schools for over one year. But the Government had to consider both health and education.

The Minister said pressure was on the Government to incorporate Bhagavadgita in the School curriculum and a decision in this regard would be taken in consultation with experts.

Action would be initiated against those Private Schools that have started the classes from 1st to 5th standard by flouting the Government's rules.

"Even I was in favour of starting 1st to 5th standard classes from March 1 but it was put on hold till it is discussed with experts," he said.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A 33-year-old man has become the first person to be confirmed positive in Delhi for the South African variant of the novel Coronavirus that causes COVID-19. So far, four more such cases have been recorded in other parts of the country. The South African strain, according to preliminary research, may be associated with increased risk of death. In fact, even the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine is believed to be less effective against this strain. Thus, all precautions must be taken to ensure that the South African strain does not spread widely in the country. All of this comes against the backdrop of the recent COVID spike in India. The country recorded 24,458 new cases on Monday with at least 11 States and UTs showing a significant rise in infections in the previous week. And much of this rise has been attributed to a laxity in following safety protocols such as masking. People are experiencing pandemic fatigue and the availability of vaccines may have lulled them into a false sense of security. But we still don't know how long it will take us to reach herd immunity through vaccination and how effective the vaccines themselves will be. Hence, it is important to continue maintaining COVID safety protocols and ensure proper masking etiquette. Otherwise, COVID will keep hitting us in multiple waves. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fakes studies, cons mom to send money

Istanbul: A young Turkish woman, who had allegedly been allegedly conning her poor mother into sending her money by claiming that she was studying medicine at the prestigious Oxford University, in the UK was living it up while working as a real estate agent in Istanbul.

Merve Bozkurt, the 25-year-old, attracted a lot of criticism for her actions, after it was revealed that she had been lying to her penniless mother for years, as a way of getting extra money from her. The woman went to great lengths to make her parent believe that she had been admitted at the prestigious English University, where she was studying to become a doctor. She even sent her mother photos of herself wearing a white robe and face mask, to create the illusion that she was doing hands-on medical training. All the while, the poor mother was selling flowers in front of a cemetery in the city of Antakya, to support her daughter.

This South Korean YouTuber isn't real

Seoul: Asian social media has been buzzing about this young South Korean YouTuber, who goes by the moniker 'RuiCovery' ever since she outed herself as a "virtual human".

Apparently, that means that everything about her is real, except the face. Her hair, her body, her voice are all real, but the face is digitally rendered using deepfake technology. The revelation was shocking, especially to her fans, none of which had ever noticed anything out of the ordinary about the female YouTuber. The news once again brought deepfake into the spotlight and ignited a debate about the need to regulate it in order to prevent its use with malicious intent.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Varicose veins are enlarged, swollen veins often appearing blue or dark purple.

Early signs are swollen blood vessels, muscle cramps and discolouration of skin. Consult a vascular surgeon as early detection helps in treatment. It can be managed by exercise and wearing compression stockings.

By Dr. Upendra Shenoy - Consultant Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery

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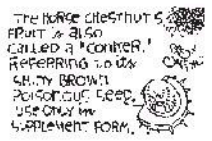


Among the best anti-aging supplements are berberine (from barberry), blueberry, frankincense, cocoa, coq10, creatine, curcumin, dhea, fish oil, garlic, horse chestnut, magnesium, nitrates (beets, pomegranate), pine bark and amla.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 17	MAR. 18
Day's Positive Cases	35	49
Total Positive Cases	54,584	54,633
Day's Discharges	46	30
Total Discharges	53,295	53,325
Day's Deaths	1	0
Total Deaths	1,039	1,039
Total Active Cases	250	269

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

National Vedanga Jyotishya Meet in city on Apr.17 and 18

Mysuru, Mar.19- A two-day National-level Vedanga Jyotishya Meet will be held on Apr. 17 and 18 at KSOU's Cauvery auditorium in city. Announcing this at a press meet here recently, Sri Mayakara Gurukula Founder Dr. Muguru Madhu Dikshit said that this will be the fourth edition of the National event organised by Sri Mayakara Gurukula in association with Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru and Karnataka Rajya Jyotishya Mathu Jyotishya Bodhana Okkoota.

The two-day meet will feature lectures, sessions, presentations.

Housing Minister V. Somanna will inaugurate the meet on Apr.17. Dr. Prakash R. Pagoji of Karnataka Sanskrit University will release the souvenir. Dr. K.G. Puttahonnaiah will preside.

Renowned Music Director Arjun Janya will be conferred 'Sangeetha Taponidhi' award while Lyricist Dr. V. Nagendra Prasad will be conferred 'Sahitya Taponidhi' award, actor Tabla Nani will be conferred 'Kala Taponidhi' award and actress Rushika Raj (Saroja) of *Tagaru*-fame, will be conferred 'Kalasevarathna' award on the occasion, he said.

REALLY...?

- *Table tennis has a British origin. In as much the table tennis' origin is still murky, historians link it to Victorian England.*
- *According to the Olympic world library, over 10 million players participate in various table tennis tournaments each year.*
- *The longest table tennis point was played for 2 hours and 12 minutes. and it happened in the hard bat era.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Tindu became a Policeman. The very next day after he joined duty, he lost the job. Why?
He stopped the Ambulance, blaming for overspeed!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.55
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.02
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.75
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.47

VOICE OF THE READER

Property tax payment mode: Will MCC clarify?

Sir,

As April month approaches, every citizen of Mysuru becomes worried about payment of property tax and the long queues. As the pandemic Corona has not eased out yet, all the senior citizens start thinking of how to make the payment this time.

If the MCC has not adopted the e-payment till today, then again it will be a burden for the citizens to go to respective Zonal Corporation Offices and stand for hours together in the line for the tax payment.

Hence, I request the new MCC Commissioner to clarify its latest stand about the mode of tax payment. Is it we follow the same method which was adopted earlier or any improvement has been made now?

We have not heard anything about the mode of payment of property tax from the MCC this year till today.

—Dr. M. S. Narayan

Mysuru
18.3.2021

Webinar on 'Bereavement-Healing and Moving On' this Sunday

Mysuru, Mar. 19- Sneha Society for Counselling has organised a webinar on 'Bereavement-Healing and Moving On,' an informative and touching discussion by survivors and professionals on the loss of a spouse / partner on Sunday (Mar. 21) from 11 am to 12 noon.

Retired DGP G.R. Ramachandran, writer and journalist Bharathi Ghanshyam, Psychiatric Social Worker Dr. Anitha Rao and Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist Dr. Aravind Sheshadri will participate in the webinar.

Click on the link to participate: *https://www.facebook.com/Sneha-Society-for-Counselling-101702091774007/*

Hindustani Music festival

Mysuru, Mar. 19- Swarasankula Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, Kemps Centre for Learning and Swarasankula Sangeetha Vidyalaya have organised Gaanayogi Panchakshari - Puttaraja Gawai Music Festival as part of the Annual Day celebrations on Mar. 21 (Sunday) at Vasudevacharya Bhavana of Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB road, Mysuru.

Hindustani Vocal Concerts by renowned vocalist *Padmashri* Pt. Venkatesh Kumar of Dharwad and a promising young vocalist Suneetha Hiremath of Pune will be presented on the occasion. The accompanying artistes are Pt. Keshav Joshi and Pt. Ramesh Dhannur on tabla and Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium.

The programme will begin with *Swara Namana* by the students of Swarasankula Vidyalaya at 4.30 pm. Entry for the event is free but mask is compulsory.

CESC public grievances meeting

Mysuru, Mar. 19- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has organised a public grievances meet for consumers coming under NR Mohalla Division limits — Centre, Jyothinagar, NR Mohalla, Chamundipuram and Varuna Sub-Divisions tomorrow at 11 am at the Offices of the Assistant Executive Engineer, which will be chaired by the Executive Engineer.

Power consumers coming under the said CESC offices are appealed to participate in this programme and air their grievances, according to a press release from NR Mohalla Division Executive Engineer

No power supply tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 19- As the CESC will be taking up the 4th quarterly maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5.30 pm in the following villages: Rammanahalli, Kalisiddanahundi, Hanchya, Sathagalli, Galigarahundi, Nehrunagar, DTS Rao Nagar, opposite VTU College, Sunpure Layout and Sathagalli 'B' Zone.

International Workshop on 'Vedic Recitation and Practices' Concludes

Mysuru, Mar. 19- The three-day international virtual workshop on "The Ideology Inherent in the Tradition of Vedic Recitation and Practices — An exposure" jointly organised by Amrita Darshanam-International Centre for Spiritual Studies, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mysuru Campus and South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur (Ministry of Culture, Government of India) concluded recently at Amrita premises in Bogadi, Mysuru.

The workshop was inaugurated by Prof. K. E. Devanathan, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Sanskrit University. In his inaugural address he brought out the relevance and significance of Vedic recitation and remarked that Vedas being the oldest scripture has not lost its sanctity as it has been fiercely protected by the gurus over the ages by strictly adhering to the established style and pattern of chanting and rituals. This is the very reason why UNESCO has acknowledged the Vedas as intangible heritage.

Dr. Rekha Bhat, Principal, in her welcome address felt that, "if comprehended and adopted appropriately, Vedas have the potential to ensure global peace and contentment."

The three-day event comprised demonstration of Vedic ritualistic practices dotted with recitations and explanations along with deliberations and interactions on Rigveda, Yajurveda and Samaveda.

The performance of Pavamana Ritual, Rudra Yaga and Darsheshti were the unique features of the workshop. Dr. Vamshi Krishna Ghanapaathi, Dr. Vigneshwara Bhat and Dr. Narasimha Bhat led these rituals along with their scholarly teams.

Chanting system along with its nuances of Rigveda and Samaveda were presented by Vidwan M. Manjunatha and Prof. Manjunatha Shrouti, renowned Samavedic practitioner and Prof. Subrahmanya Bhat respectively.

Sessions on "Relevance and Importance of Vedic Studies in the Modern time" by Dr. C.M. Neelakandhan, former Professor, Sree Sankaracharya University, Kalady; "Influence of the Vedason Various Cultures" by Dr. Santosh Bhagoji More, Director of Samatvam Foundation, USA and "Yogic wisdom enshrined in the Vedas" by Alexander Medin, Director of Nosen Yoga Retreats Centre & Back in the Ring, Norway, were presented.

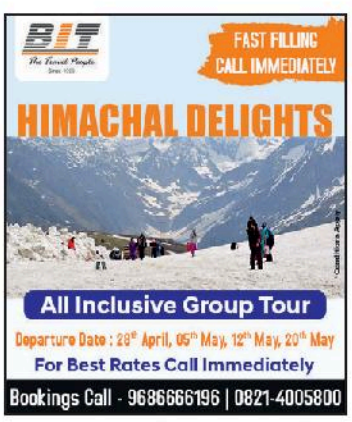
Prof. K.E. Dharaneedharan, Professor of Sanskrit, Pondicherry University addressed on the topic "The Ideology Inherent in the Tradition of Rigveda." He opined that there is no author for Vedas and that Rishis are the founders of Vedas not creators.

Dr. Chakravarthy Ramachandran, Maharaja Sanskrit College, spoke on "Vedic Analytical Theory as per Meemamsa."

In the valedictory function, Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi, Vice-Chancellor, Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Maharashtra, said COVID-19 pandemic made people return to traditional knowledge for medical solutions and remedies. He opined that the need is not just to preserve Vedas in museums and archive them but to adopt Vedic practices in our daily life. In the context of new education policy, the scholar should look for ways to blend Vedic knowledge with modern technology to uplift the modern society.

Brahmachari Anantananda Chaitanya, Director and Brahmachari Muktidamrta Chaitanya, Correspondent, Amrita Mysuru; Dr. Vigneshwara Bhat, Workshop Convener; Dr.Srikantha Parida, Workshop Co-Convener and others were present on the occasion.

Over 2,000 participants were witness to the workshop through various online platforms.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Staging of play 'Macbeth'

Rangayana Mysuru's Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra (2020-21) students will be staging Shakespeare's play 'Macbeth' at Vanaranga on Mar. 20 and 21 at 7pm. The play is directed by Kendra Head S. Ramnath.

'Ushaharana' at Natana

As part of its weekend play, Natana artistes will be staging the play 'Ushaharana' at Natana School of Theatre Arts in Ramakrishnanagar on Mar. 21 at 6.30 pm under the direction of Dr. Sripad Bhat.

Annual Convocation

The twenty-sixth annual convocation of Shri Dharmasthala Manjunatheshwara Institute for Management Development (SDM-IMD) will be held on Apr. 2 at 3 pm at its campus in Siddarthanagar. T.R. Parasuraman, President and Whole Time Director, Toyota Industries Engine India Pvt. Ltd, will be the chief guest and will deliver the convocation address. Dr. D. Veerendra Heggade, Chairman, SDM-IMD, will preside.

Ph.D awardee

The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Molecular Biology to Ragi Jadimurthy for his thesis 'Molecular Characterization of Fruit Rot Pathogen of Arecanut and its Interaction with Phosphonates.' (Guide: Dr. N.S. Devaki).

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	105.29 feet
Yesterday	:	105.89 feet
Inflow	:	143 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,162 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,266.50 feet
Inflow	:	75 cusecs
Outflow	:	760 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,823.11 feet
Inflow	:	38 cusecs
Outflow	:	45 cusecs

National Consumer Day at MGP

Food Safety Officer calls for awareness, testing, action

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (BCT)- National Consumer Day fell on Mar. 15 and Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) had organised its monthly virtual meeting-cum-interaction programme on Mar. 14 where Dr. Prasad, Medical Officer, Food Safety and Health, Family Welfare Department was invited to advice public on safe and nutritious food at home.

During the course of interaction, Prasad said that public should be aware of illegal practices like adulteration by some traders and merchants. "Awareness must start from the kitchen itself before consumption. If you come across adulteration, do not hesitate to lodge complaints with the Food Safety Officer, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) Mysuru with the bill as proof for the purchased food item. We have a Government laboratory at Tilaknagar apart from many private labs. The CFTRI also tests commodities to certify its genuineness, he informed.

Dr. Prasad, Medical Officer, Food Safety and Health, Family Welfare Department

Giving instances of adulteration and harmful practices, Dr. Prasad said that to make a food product attractive, chemicals and colours are mixed like green dyes are mixed to green peas for it to look greener. "The humble dal is coloured with yellow chemicals which can be detected by rinsing a handful of dal with water. After some time, you can find yellow colour oozing out," he said.

Likewise, coffee powder is mixed with tamarind powder, tea powder is sold after it is mixed with already used tea leaves, salt is mixed with chalk powder, chilli powder is mixed with red chemicals to give it an attractive texture, castor oil is mixed with edible oils, animal fat is added to butter or dalda to get the desired thickness and weight, he explained.

Similarly in the cases of fruits, bananas and mangoes are ripened by chemical process and plastic coating is given to red apples to make it look redder and shiny. "All these illegal activities to boost sales will only lead to contamination and harmful diseases leading to cancer, tuberculosis and many other diseases that shorten our life span and healthy life," he added.

During the interaction after the talk, Dr. Jagannath, a participant, wanted to know whether water is considered part of food and is the water supplied to Mysuru by Vani Vilas Water Works tested by FSSAI. Dr. Prasad replied that the quality of water supplied in bottles is checked and their mandate is not to check the normal water supply through taps.

Another participant Manu, wanted to know what action has been taken against some unscrupulous traders so that it becomes a preventive measure. Dr. Prasad said that the several raids have been conducted to catch people involved in these illegal activities.

Dr. Prasad advised consumers to take the issue seriously and initiate all precautionary tests and consume healthy food and live longer. Dr. Prasad can be contacted on Mob: 86184-83404 and by email domcca2013@gmail.com

MGP President Dr. Shivamurthy, Executive Committee member S.V. Raghavendra, Working President C.R. Ashwathnarayan, Secretary Pradeep Kumar, Treasurer K.V. Ramanath, B.Chaudhary, Jayalakshmi Srinivasan, V. Jagannath, Arunkumar Shettar, Venkatesh Kharidi, Vasanthkumar Mysoremath, Vijesh Chajjed, Purushotham and others were present.

Can a Consumer Court complaint be filed in a plain sheet of paper?

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (BCT)- World Consumer Rights Day was organised at Vidyavardhaka Law College which was inaugurated by District Consumer Redressal Commission Mysuru President B. Narayanappa. IIT Alumni and Mysore Grahakara Parishat Founder Bhamy V. Shenoy was the chief guest.

District Consumer Redressal Commission Mysuru President B. Narayanappa seen addressing the gathering as other dignitaries look on.

In his inaugural address, Narayanappa said that consumers can simply submit their complaint to the District Consumer Redressal Commission on a white sheet of paper.

Intervening in the session, Bhamy Shenoy told Narayanappa that when Consumer Protection Act was first implemented, he had submitted a letter with his complaint and it was accepted. However over the years, the process has become so complex with a definite format suggested by the Consumer Redressal Commission. Now the Consumer Courts have actually become as tedious as Civil Courts.

"If you really accept a simple letter as a complaint, it is the beginning of a new era in the implementation of COPRA (Consumer Protection Act) as envisaged by India's Parliament when it was adapted in 1986," Bhamy Shenoy told the gathering.

After Narayanappa concluded his address, Bhamy Shenoy asked him in how many cases the Commission has been able to give judgements in just one sitting, without any adjournments. Replying to his query, Narayanappa explained the steps involved like getting evidence, assessing the credibility of evidence, framing charges etc. All these processes were similar to that of a civil case.

Bhamy Shenoy insisted that the spirit of COPRA was to have a simple process to give judgements without going through the elaborate process of a Civil Court. He requested two other members of the Commission and the President that they should exercise their powers to force the Commission to give up the elaborate process of Civil Court and make the process in the Consumer Court as simple as possible.

He also suggested that to begin with, the Commission should get rid of the elevated platform from where they preside and have tables at the same level as public. Such symbolism is needed to make the consumer complainants comfortable.

At the event, CREAT Executive Head Y.G. Muralidharan delivered the keynote address, Vidyavardhaka Sangha President Gundappa Gowda presided, Treasurer Shrishail Ramannavar and others were present.

ZP CEOs to be bestowed with powers to transfer PDOs, says RDPR Minister

Mysuru,Mar.19 (KMS&DM)- RDPR (Rural Development and Panchayat Raj) Minister K.S. Eshwarappa said that ZP CEOs will be bestowed with powers to transfer Panchayat Development Officers(PDO) coming under their jurisdiction.

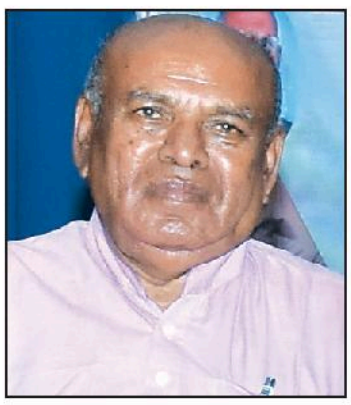
Replying to a question by some members during the question hour in the Legislative Assembly on Wednesday, Eshwarappa said that the Government will take necessary measures in this direction soon. Maintaining that the confusions and complexities being created by the PDOs have come to the notice of the Government, he said that the Government, taking note of the concerns expressed by several members regarding the functioning of PDOs, has decided to vest powers to ZP CEO's to transfer PDOs.

The Legislative Members, who said that some PDOs, taking advantage of the illiteracy of GP members, were misguiding and misusing them for their selfish ends, urged the Minister to transfer PDOs after two years just like other officials and bureaucrats. Eshwarappa, in reply, said that the Government is responsive to the concerns of Legislators and would take appropriate measures for transferring PDOs, who have stuck on to one place for years.

Veteran writer and activist
Malali Vasanthkumar passes away

Mysuru, Mar.19- Veteran writer and activist Malali Vasanthkumar (76), also a retired Kannada Professor of University of Mysore (UoM), passed away at the residence of his son at Bengaluru yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife Shantha, son Ranna Malali, daughter M.V. Roopa and a host of relatives and friends. His another daughter Vasu Malali had predeceased him a few years ago.



Malali Vasanthkumar

Malali Vasanthkumar , a native of Malali in Hassan district, began his teaching career as a Kannada faculty in city's Maharaja and Yuvaraja Colleges. He later became the Personal Secretary of veteran writer De.Ja. Gow (D. Javaregowda) when he was the Vice-Chancellor of UoM decades ago, following which he served as the Director of the University's Post-Graduate Centres at Hassan and Mandya.

Malali Vasanthkumar, who was among the close associates of poet laureate Kuvempu, took the lead in many social struggles and movements. He had also played a key role in Gokak Movement that had rocked the State in early 1980's. He also played a vital role in the demand for classical status for Kannada language. He was also a prolific writer, having many works to his credit.

His body was kept for public viewing in front of Town Hall in the city this morning for a couple of hours, following which the last rites were performed at his farm (Bhoomithayi) at Kalalawadi on Manandawadi Road later today, according to family sources.

LIC employees oppose disinvestment

Mysuru, Mar.19 (PM&DM)- Strongly opposing the Centre's proposals to divest stake in Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) through an initial public offering (IPO), employees of LIC, the public sector insurance major, went on a strike yesterday, following a nationwide strike call from various employee associations of the LIC.

The employees who gathered at the LIC Divisional Office at Bannimantap in city, staged a demonstration to protest against the centre's proposals to divest stake, privatise one general insurer and enhance FDI limit in the insurance sector from 49 to 74 percent.

Maintaining that the proposed floating of Initial Public Offer (IPO) to sell the Government stakes in LIC were not in the interests of the country, the employees said this would amount to privatisation of the Public Sector Insurance Company. Terming the Government's privatisation plans as anti-people move, the protestors rejected the Government's justification that it would bring in discipline.

Contending that the Government's stance lacked merit as many private sector entities in the insurance and banking sector have collapsed in recent times, they asserted that public sector institutions have fared well despite the meltdown in global economy.

Asserting that the privatisation moves will badly hurt small policy holders, who mostly are from poor and economically backward sections, they said that the Government's move defeats the very purpose of social justice.

Alleging that the Government, bowing to the pressures of private players, hiked the FDI in the insurance sector from 26 percent to 49 percent in 2015, they said that now, the Government has taken this move much forward by enhancing the FDI limit to 74 percent, the announcement of which was made in the Union Budget. Expressing concern that this huge FDI hike will benefit foreign insurance firms, they urged the Government to drop privatisation plans and take measures for strengthening the Public Sector Insurance industry.

R. Subramanya, an office-bearer of employee association, said that there are 2 lakh employees and over 11 lakh agents in the country, out of which 7,000 employees and one lakh agents are in Karnataka. Strongly condemning the FDI hike, he said that the hike poses threat to the livelihood of employees and agents, if the Government goes ahead with its budget proposals.

Office bearers of various LIC employee associations — S.K. Ramu, S.S. Nagesh, J. Suresh, Balaji Rao, Vidyavathi and others took part.

Two notorious criminals involved in 13 robbery and extortion cases arrested

Rs. 20,000 cash, one bike, two mobile phones seized

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (KS)- Metagalli Police have arrested two notorious criminals who were involved in 13 robbery and extortion cases and have recovered Rs. 20,000 cash besides seizing one bike and two mobile phones from them.

According to a press release from the Office of the City Police Commissioner dated Mar. 18, the arrested are 28-year-old Zamir Khan and 42-year-old Shankar, both from Rajendra Nagar.

The release further states that on Feb. 22, 2021, a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage was proceeding to Pandavapura in his car and while moving on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near Siddalingapura, he heard a sound and assuming that a stone may had hit the car, he continued his journey towards Pandavapura.

But all of a sudden, two people on a bike overtook his car, forced him to stop and told him that he had hit their bike and the pillion rider had fractured his leg. He demanded the car owner to get the pillion treated in a hospital or pay money so that he could get him treated. The bike rider also threatened the car owner of lodging a hit and run complaint with the Police besides abusing the car owner using foul language.

Meanwhile, the pillion rider, who had poured water on one of his legs, began to fake injury and abused the car owner. Shocked over this, the car owner gave them Rs. 1,000 cash, which was with him. But the two, not happy with the amount demanded the car owner to withdraw cash from an ATM and give them. As the car owner had not brought his ATM card, the duo asks him to transfer money using Google Pay. The car owner then gets Rs. 19,000 transferred to them from his relatives, following which the bikers leave him and go away.

A case pertaining to extortion and threatening was lodged at Metagalli Police Station against the bikers and based on technical evidence and information from informants, Metagalli Police arrested the two on Mar. 17.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have told the Police that it was they who had banged the car without the knowledge of the car owner and threatened the car owner besides extorting Rs. 20,000 from him.

During further investigation, the Police came to know that Prime Accused Zamir Khan along with another accused Mohammed Zamir of Rajendra Nagar were involved in a similar crimes from 2017 till date and had 12 cases of robbery and extortion already registered in Kuvempunagar, V.V. Puram, Jayalakshmipuram, Saraswathipuram, Narasimharaja, Yelwal, Maddur, Srirangapatna Rural and Town, Chamarajpet and Kumbalagodu (Bengaluru) and Mandya Rural Police Stations.

The accused had also committed various crimes on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, in Srirangapatna, Ring Road of Mysuru City and on prominent roads and had looted cash and gold from the public. As few victims had not lodged complaints the incidents had not come to light.

DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda (Law and Order) and M.S. Geetha Prasanna (Crime and Traffic) and Narasimharaja Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar guided Metagalli Inspector A. Mallesh, Sub-Inspectors Vishwanath and Nagaraja Nayak, ASIs Ponnappa and Mahadev and staff Diwakar, Prashanth, Basavaraju, Likith and Asha in the nabbing and seizing operation.

ACB to receive complaints from Mar. 22

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (KS) - Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Deputy Superintendent of Police (Dy.SP) will be receiving complaints from public at various taluks of the district from Mar. 22 to 29. Public can lodge their complaints regarding undue delay of works in Government Offices, demand for bribe and other such corrupt practices.

Mar. 22: 11 am to 12.30 pm- Hunsur Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm- IB at Hunsur; 3 pm to 4 pm- Hanagodu Nada Kacheri.

Mar. 23: 11 am to 12.30 pm- T. Narasipur Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm- IB at T. Narasipur, front of Ambedkar Bhavan; 3 pm to 4 pm- Bannur Nada Kacheri.

Mar. 24: 11 am to 12.30 pm- Periyapatna Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm- IB at Periyapatna; 3 pm to 4 pm- Bettadapura Nada Kacheri.

Mar. 25: 11 am to 12.30 pm- K.R. Nagar Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm- IB at K.R. Nagar; 3 pm to 4 pm- Saligrama Gram Panchayat Office.

Mar. 26: 11.00 am to 12.30 pm- H.D. Kote Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm- IB at H.D. Kote; 3 pm to 4 pm- Saraguru Nada Kacheri.

Mar. 29: 11 am to 12.30 pm- Nanjangud Taluk Office; 3 pm to 4 pm- Kavalande Gram Panchayat Office.

'The Jewellery Show' begins

'The Jewellery Show' began at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city this morning. The three-day expo-cum-sale will be held from Mar. 19 to 21 between 10 am and 8 pm. Picture shows Arpitha Randeep, Pallavi C.T. Ravi, Arathy Somaiah, Veena Ashok, Dr. Hemamalini Lakshman, Adhithi M. Shenoy, Lavanya Kumar Bangarappa and Hemalatha Jagadeesh displaying the Jewellery.

Dr. Roopa, 'Ph.D Corporator' of 'Namma Mysuru'

Mysuru, Mar.19 (SSV)- It is rare to see persons pursuing education after reaching highest echelons in fields of either politics or academics. However, here is a rare personality who is an academician-cum- politician-cum-home-maker of *'Namma Mysuru.'*

Dr. G. Roopa, Corporator

G. Roopa, a BJP Corporator from Ward No. 53 (Siddarthanagar), has made the city proud after being conferred Ph.D in Pharmaceutics by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS), Bengaluru, at its 23rd Convocation held on Feb. 7, 2021.

She worked under the guidance of Dr. Roopa Karki, Professor of Pharmaceutics, Acharya B.M. Reddy College of Pharmacy, Bengaluru and Dr. C. Jayanthi, Professor of Pharmaceutics, Sarada Vilasa College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, for her thesis titled *'Design and development of innovative oral micro and nano curcumin vectors of natural polymers for bioavailability enhancement.'*

"I owe my success to my guides, my family members and more importantly, my voters of Ward No. 53, Dr. Hanumanthachar Joshi, Principal, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, Sarada Vilas college, for their support to complete my Ph.D. This would not have been possible without the support of my husband, Yogesh, a social worker, and my in-laws who allowed me to spend more time reading in the last five years," Roopa told *SOM*.

After serving as Associate Professor at Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy for 14 years, Roopa decided to do Ph.D and enrolled as an external candidate in Bengaluru-based Pharmacy College. In the meantime, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) election was announced and her Ward was reserved for woman. Thinking it as a Godsend opportunity, she plunged into politics and got elected as Corporator, thanks to efforts of her family members and local BJP leaders.

Once elected, she had three responsibilities — To study for Ph.D, to serve as Corporator and to manage home. "My thesis demanded a lot of lab work. You know how Pharma field plays an important role in the development of Medicine. It played a pivotal role in COVID-19 vaccine that has made the entire world to look at our country. I had to submit report on the progress of Ph.D to RGUHS once in six months. I used to study at least two hours daily. Sometimes, I regret as I did not give full attention to my daughter. But the only solace is that I and my daughter have studied together at home."

To discharge her duty as Corporator, she created two WhatsApp groups — Siddarthanagar Helpline and Alanahalli Helpline — and requested citizens to post their problems in the social media.

After attending Ward citizens' problems, she posted action taken report. This solved most of the problems. The nationwide 'Janata Curfew' last year came as a big boon as she found 15-20 days time to study hard. With no permission to step out of house in view of pandemic, she made good use of the available time to pursue her goal.

"Time management is very important, especially for a person like me who has three tasks on hand. The office-staff of Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas helped me a lot briefing about the meeting notices and arranging permission for not attending meetings. Besides, Ramdas used to regularly ask about the progress of my Ph.D."

Asked whether she still misses taking classes, Roopa said the College authorities have requested her to continue as Visiting Professor but she is yet to decide. At the same time, there is pressure from my Ward citizens to contest in the next MCC election. "I haven't decided anything. As a qualified guide, I have guided five M.Pharma students. I am also thinking of teaching for one or two hours at Sarada Vilas," she noted.

Roopa did B.Pharma (Bachelor of Pharmacy) from Farooquia College of Pharmacy, Mysuru; D.Pharma (Diploma in Pharmacy) and M.Pharma (Master of Pharmacy) from JSS College of Pharmacy.

Corporator Dr. Roopa with daughter and husband Yogesh, a social worker.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP greets new NSG Director General

Senior IPS Officer from Kodagu district, Maneyapanda A. Ganapathy, yesterday took charge as the Director General of National Security Guard (NSG), an elite counter-terrorism unit under the Ministry of Home Affairs. Picture shows Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha congratulating M.A. Ganapathy at the NSG Head Quarters in Palam, New Delhi, this morning. Also seen are MP's wife Arpitha Simha and daughter Vipanchi Simha.

Sly Move!

The Maharaja's Saloon donated to the National Rail Museum, New Delhi by the Mysuru Rail Museum.

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The contributions of the Wadiyar dynasty for the development of Railways in the Mysore Kingdom from 1864-1950 has been primarily responsible for making Mysore State a model State during British India rule. "Therefore, it becomes our responsibility to preserve their legacy for the present and future generations to appreciate. The gift they have given to the people of this region is huge and at no stage we should do anything that can be perceived as an insult to them or to the people of Mysore in general," he has stated in the letter.

The MP has urged Ajay Kumar Singh to instruct his officials to maintain *status quo* and initiate further steps needed to nurture the Mysuru Rail Museum. "Instead of moving out locomotives and other items of heritage value from the Museum, the authorities must focus on adding more and more vintage items to the Museum to allow the people from all over the country and from outside to explore them," the MP said.

Tiger carcass found in South Kodagu

Is it the same tiger that killed three persons?

Ponnampet, Mar. 19 (Darshan&BCT)- The carcass of a male tiger has been found in South Kodagu this morning near Kotur village. The body was spotted inside a forest area near Lakkunda at around 11 am by some local villagers.

As the body has been decomposed, stench was emanating in the surroundings. Alert villagers presumed that a cow or a buffalo might have been killed by the tiger. But as they neared the spot following the smell, the tiger's carcass was found. The Forest Department was informed later.

The Department officials confirmed that it is the same tiger that killed three persons and over 19

cattle heads since February 20. Officials said that the tiger died of gunshot as sharpshooter Susheel Kumar had fired on it four to five days back.

At the time of firing the shot, it was presumed that the bullet had not hit the tiger as the feline fled from the spot with loud growls. Even the local villagers had dismissed the Department version that the bullet had hit the big cat.

Now the Department officials have confirmed that the shot fired by sharp-shooter Susheel had indeed hit the tiger and even examining the rate of decomposition, it can be assumed that the tiger died four to five days back.

Officials said that the male tiger was first spotted to a camera trap in Nagarahole Tiger Reserve and was identified as the 13U285 male that migrated from Kallala forest range of Nagarahole and is approximately 10 to 11 years old. In the 2013 tiger census, the Forest Department had caught CCTV footage of the same male tiger, then aged approximately 3 to 4 years.

'Complete vaccination of senior citizens before Mar. 31'

• SP, DC seek ban on Jathras and religious congregations

Mysuru, Mar.19 (RK&SSV)- Co-operation and District-In-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar has asked the District Administration to complete vaccination of citizens above 60 years before Mar. 31.

Speaking at the District-level meeting held at ZP auditorium here this morning to take stock of COVID-19 situation in the wake of possible second wave, he said according to an estimate, there are 3.5 lakh senior citizens in the district. The vaccination for this category of citizens which started on Mar. 8 must be completed before the end of this month.

Somashekar said in the wake of experts warning COVID-19 second wave, testing and vaccination must be speeded up. The Government had given a target of 5,000 RT-PCR test for Mysuru district and it should be done to check the spread of pandemic. All 60-plus persons must be taken to nearby healthcare facilities in both urban and rural areas for vaccination. Besides, each ASHA, Anganwadi and Health volunteer must be given a target of 10 beneficiaries each in order to mop up coverage. The cops must intensify drive against non-wearing of face mask in city and district to reduce Corona positive cases.

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri and Superintendent of Police C.B. Ryshyanth appealed to the Minister to ban all Jathras, religious congregations and shandies as they may become COVID-19 super-spreader in the district.

Dr. Chidambara, District Vector Borne Diseases Control and Food Control Officer, highlighted about shortage of staff to conduct 5,000 RT-PCR tests in the district. When the Minister suggested recruiting required staff, the DC said they be appointed on contract basis instead of appointing them on permanent basis.

Somashekar asked Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to give a grant of Rs.5 crore to improve facilities at District Hospital to provide treatment for COVID-19 patients in case of second wave. H.V. Rajeev, MUDA Chairman, said it will be discussed in tomorrow's board meeting.

The SP said COVID-19 negative report has been made mandatory for visitors from Kerala to enter Karnataka. In case of non-producing 'negative report', Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) was done on the spot. Every vehicle entering Karnataka was thoroughly screened and each occupant was asked to produce negative report. "I have spoken to my Wayanad counterpart to insist on his district citizens to carry RT-PCR negative report before visiting Karnataka," he added.

Chamaraja MLA L.Nagendra, T.Narasipur MLA M.Ashwin Kumar, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, ZP President Parimala Shyam, ZP CEO A.M.Yogesh and others were present at the meeting.

Contact for RT-PCR test

Meanwhile, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag has appealed to various associations, commercial establishments and factories to contact the MCC Control Room for free RT-PCR test. Interested may dial Ph: 0821-2418800 or 2418816 or 2440890 or 2418811 or Mob: 94498-41195 or 96 for details and free testing.

Obituary

H.P. Mahadevappa

Nanjangud, Mar. 19- H.P. Mahadevappa (65), retired Revenue Department officer at Haginavalu village in the taluk and a resident of the town, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in Mysuru. Former President of State Government Employees Association, Nanjangud Branch, he leaves behind his wife, two daughters, brother APMC Member Kendagannappa and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the family's farm land this afternoon.

COVID-19 second wave scare

No leave for healthcare staff for 50 days

Bengaluru, Mar. 19 (SSV)- The State Government has decided not to grant leave the next 50 days for Health Department staff in the wake of possible COVID-19 second wave in Karnataka, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Talking to reporters after chairing a meeting with senior officials and heads of key Government Hospitals here yesterday, he said the Government was well-prepared to prevent and mitigate the possible second wave and doctors, healthcare workers and officials will work in mission mode for the next one-and-a-half months. "I will not take break for the next 50 days and I expect my Department staff to follow me to fight against the pandemic," he said.

He said the Corona positive cases were high in some districts indicating lashing of second wave. Around 55 lakh people (who are above 60 years of age and above 45 years with comorbidities) must take vaccination on priority to guard themselves from the contagion. Some people were showing negligence to get vaccinated despite offering it free of cost in various Government facilities. "There was no vaccine when the pandemic hit us. Now, it is available but people are not ready to take it by questioning its safety and efficacy. By taking the jab now we can prevent problems in the future. Death rate decreases if positive cases decline. Citizens must understand this. There will be no side-effects by taking vaccine. Don't heed to rumours," he appealed.

Dr. K. Sudhakar

3 lakh target

Emphasising on vaccine coverage, Dr. Sudhakar said a few days ago, nearly 2.5 lakh vaccinations were done in a single day. So it is possible to ramp up coverage. Now, the target has been set to vaccinate 3 lakh people per day. If we vaccinate senior citizens and people above 45 years with comorbidities they can mitigate the second wave.

As many as 200 ambulances have been deployed in Bengaluru to ensure that there was no shortage of ambulances during emergency. War room will start operating as it was during last year and Government will monitor the situation using real-time data. Decision has been made to recruit resident doctors and paramedical staff on temporary basis, he added.

Meeting with Pvt Hospitals

He said the Government will hold first round of discussion with private hospitals this week to reserve beds for treatment of COVID-19 patients.

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Cricket tourney spreads TB awareness

World Tuberculosis Day on March 24

Mysuru, Mar.19 (MTY&DM)- Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri launched a three-day cricket tournament for creating public awareness on the deadly Tuberculosis (TB) disease, at J.K. Grounds near the City Railway Station here on Friday last.

The cricket tournament was jointly organised by the District Administration, ZP, District Health and Family Welfare Department, District TB Control Centre and State NTEP Employees.

Speaking after inaugurating the tournament by striking a ball with a cricket bat, Rohini Sindhuri said that though COVID-19 is creating havoc at present, it is important to understand that TB is more dangerous than Coronavirus and as such, creating widespread awareness and sensitising people is vital for controlling the spread of TB.

Pointing out that Mar. 24 is observed as World Tuberculosis Day, she said that awareness programmes are being held since four years. The three-day cricket tournament in which Health Department officials and staff from eight districts of Mysuru Revenue Division took part, aimed at creating a wider public awareness on the dreaded disease, she said.

Sindhuri said that Swachh Survekshan Abhiyaan to rank the cities of the country on cleanliness is going on in Mysuru since January and is scheduled to end on Mar. 31. Maintaining that efforts have been made to make the city plastic-free, she said that, however, the efforts received a little setback due to the outbreak of the COVID-19.

Cautioning against the use of banned plastics, the DC said that strict action will be taken against manufacturers and sellers of banned plastics in a relentless drive that will be launched from April 5.

District TB Control Officer Dr. Mohammed Siraj Ahmed said that the Prime Minister has called for making the country TB-free. A host of awareness programmes are being held in this direction and a massive programme has been organised on Mar. 24, marking World TB Day, he pointed out.

A total of 16 teams from eight districts took part in this three-day tournament.

WINNERS

Mysuru District RNTCP team emerged as winners followed by Chikkaballapur in the runner-up place and Shivamogga district in third place.

Mysuru DHO Dr. T. Amarnath, Dr. Ravi, Dr. Uday Kumar and others were present on the occasion.

Picture shows the winning Mysuru District RNTCP team with the trophy.

DC Rohini Sindhuri wielding the bat to inaugurate the cricket tournament at J.K. Grounds in city recently as others look on.

Wins Trio COPA football trophy

Sunrise Football Club (FC), Mysuru, won the Trio COPA Mysuru-2021 State-level Football Tournament held in city recently. Sunrise FC Team Manager Ishaque is seen receiving the trophy from MLA S.A. Ramdas as winning team players Mudabbir, Kashif, Sehlan, Saquib, Nishant, Jaffer, Rehan, Faizan and others look. A total of 32 teams participated in the tournament.

Kettlebell Lifting Championship: State team leaves for Jaipur

The athletes, who have been selected to represent Kettlebell Sports Association of Karnataka at the National-level Kettlebell Lifting Championship to be held at Jaipur (Rajasthan) Poornima University from tomorrow (Mar. 20), left for Jaipur yesterday. *Standing from left:* ***L. Shivaraju (Chinmaya Composite PU College, Mysuru), B.M. Prashanth (Chinmaya), P. Vinay (Chinmaya), Narasimha Murthy (Assistant Manager - Mandya), B. Srinivasa (General Secretary, Kettlebell Sports Association of Karnataka), Shivarudraswami (Manager - Malavalli), M. Keerthi Kumar (Coach - Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra, Mysuru), H.M. Raju (Government High School, K.R. Pet, Mandya), M. Dhanush (Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Independent College, Mysuru), R. Chandan (Mandavya PU College, Mandya);*** *sitting from left:* ***Arpitha (GHS, Bellenahalli, K.R. Pet, Mandya), N.M. Durgesh (Marimallappa High School, Mysuru), V. Sanjana (JSS Women's PU College, Mysuru), N. Sowmya (Chinmaya);*** *Not in picture:* ***H.S. Nandini (Government First Grade Women's College, K.R. Pet), B.B. Archana (Maharani's Degree College), S. Amrutha (Marimallappa PU College) and B.P. Prathiba (Government First Grade College, KR Pet).***

New Solid Waste Management facility commissioned at MNGT Yard

To treat wastes generated at Railway premises in Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 19- Ajay Kumar Singh, General Manager, South Western Railway (SWR) commissioned a Solid Waste Management facility at **Mysore New Goods Terminal (MNGT) Yard** to segregate and treat the wastes generated at the Railway premises in Mysuru area of SWR.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that, being a bulk waste generator, Railways is obliged to create its own waste collection and processing facilities as per Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016. Operation of this facility will comply with the requirements of Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 and National Green Tribunal (NGT) directives for Mysuru Railway Station.

Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), SWR Mysuru Division, said the solid waste management facility is having an installed capacity of handling two tons of waste per day with 3,140 square metres area with a covered shed area of 1,036 square metres. The facility has waste dumping area for collection, segregation and 18 compost pits to treat the wet waste into compost. The bio-degradable waste is converted into compost. Recyclable waste/plastic/E-waste is handed over to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB)-approved recyclers. The left out non-biodegradable waste is sent to landfills as per Solid Waste Management rules, he added.

A contract has been awarded to carry out solid waste management activities at Mysuru Area at a cost of Rs.4.5 lakh per month for a period of one year which involves the following works:

a) Door-to-door collection of garbage from houses of Railway Colonies.

b) Removal of garbage from the bins located in the Railway Colonies and transporting it to the facility at MNGT.

c) Removal and transportation of garbage from Central Railway Hospital/Mysuru, Divisional Office building, Railway Station premises to MNGT Yard.

d) Segregation of garbage into bio-degradable, non-biodegradable waste, recyclable/plastic waste at solid waste management facility at MNGT.

MP urges Railway Minister to extend services of SWR GM

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (OSR)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has written to Railway Minister Piyush Goyal urging him to extend the services of Ajay Kumar Singh, General Manager (GM), South Western Railway (SWR), Hubballi, who is superannuating on Mar. 31.

The MP reasoned that ever since Ajay Kumar Singh took over as the GM, he was a proactive officer and had initiated many projects to develop and expand the South Western Railway. "Since October 2018, I have had multiple interactions with him on issues relating to the development of rail infrastructure and improvement in passenger services in the jurisdiction of my Parliamentary Constituency. South Western Railway has achieved remarkable progress by speedily implementing a host of major capacity-building infrastructure projects," Simha has stated.

These projects include doubling, electrification, elimination of level crossing gates and the projects have resulted in enhanced safety in train operations and higher productivity.

Ajay Kumar Singh has also devised a comprehensive action plan for executing various infrastructure projects on the South Western Railway system to realise the goals of Vision-2024 of the Ministry of Railway to surpass 2,024 metric tonnes of freight traffic by the end of 2024, Pratap Simha stated in his letter.

"His stress on responsibility and the focus on contribution at every level has been the key to effectiveness. In the backdrop of record capital expenditure of nearly Rs.3,500 crore in the current year on the South Western Railway, his continuance as General Manager should augur well for the Railways in speedy execution of all the envisioned projects," the MP has said.

Among the many priority traffic facility works on Indian Railways identified for completion under the super critical or critical category is the Satellite Coaching Terminal at Naganahalli near Mysuru.

The MP has urged the Minister to consider the extension of service of Ajay Kumar Singh for at least one year within the policy framework of the Railways.

MCC's online Building Plan approval hit by technical glitches

Mysuru, Mar.19- Just a month after it was launched with much publicity, the Mysuru City Corporation's (MCC) online Building Plan approval has now turned back to offline system as before.

The citizens who had applied online for building plan approvals with much enthusiasm and hope of a quick approval, are now in a dilemma. Even the MCC Officials too seem to be a confused lot, whether to continue with online or return to offline system.

Due to technical glitches in the online system, the officials have been unable to dispose off applications, following which the MCC authorities have written to the Government to address the problem. They have also sought the Government to grant permission to issue plan approvals through offline system if the issue cannot be addressed quickly.

Engineers, contractors and builders registered with the MCC, have applied online seeking plan approval after payment of the stipulated fees. With the online system going into a breakdown, the applicants, who are hundreds in number, are waiting in anxiety for nearly three weeks to get approval.

Investors in mining to get NOC within 90 days

Single window system planned for speedy disposal of applications

Bengaluru, Mar.19 (KMS& SSV)-The State Government is planning to dispatch 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) to doorsteps of investors by implementing Single Window system consisting of State Pollution Control Board, Revenue, Transport, Forest and Ecology Departments, said Mines and Geology Minister Murugesh R. Nirani.

Addressing the Safety Workshop organised by the Stone Quarry Owners Association here on Wednesday, Nirani said single window agency is being set up to expedite the process of clearing applications for various mining proposals. This would prevent investors from running to pillar to post seeking permission.

The speedy approval through a single window agency would help investors to start the projects and generate employment. Now, the proposed single window agency will integrate these departments for better coordination and ensure approval of projects in a smooth and time-bound manner, Nirani stated.

One-Time Settlement

The Minister said the Government was considering the introduction of a 'One Time Settlement' scheme to garner revenue from penalties imposed on mine owners for mining beyond limits. "The penalties have come up to over Rs. 6,700 crore and Government doubts if this amount would be garnered. Instead, OTS scheme would bring half of the amount of Rs. 6,700 crore. The quarry owners will also be made members of settlement committees," he said.

He said the Government has temporarily closed many mines which resulted in the loss of royalty and mining firms are forced to cease operations which in turn resulted in revenue loss and unemployment.

Quarry owners not responsible for recent blasts

"We did not take any knee-jerk action against the quarry owners after the blasts despite demand from the Opposition to arrest them. I know the stress and problems faced by the quarry owners and they cannot be blamed for the recent tragic incidents. It is imperative to inject confidence among investors and other stakeholders for economic development and progress. Any ill-advised coercive action will spoil investor confidence which will affect the flow of investments and thereby affect the development of the State," Nirani said.

New Mining Policy

The Mines and Geology Department will introduce a new mining policy. The liberalised policy will create an investor-friendly atmosphere and make Karnataka an easier place to do business.

Free sand for houses of Rs. 10 lakh and below

The State Government is planning to supply free sand to those constructing house at a cost of less than Rs. 10 lakh at Gram Panchayat limits, said Nirani. According to him, this proposal is expected to help lakhs of people constructing houses under Ashraya and other schemes. The free supply of sand to the poor in GP limits is expected to spur construction activities and revive rural economy.

Khanija Bhavan will be set up in every district and it will help in smooth functioning of the mining sector in all the districts and ensure ease of doing business for investors, he observed.

WORD OF THE DAY

Attitudinize

Pronunciation: at-uh-TOO-duh-nyze.
Meaning: To assume an affected mental attitude : pose.
Origin: The English word attitude was first used in the 17th century to refer to the way a sculptured or painted figure was positioned—that is, to its posture. The word was borrowed from French, which had taken the word from Italian attitudine, meaning "aptitude." Eventually, the word moved from artistic representation to the real world, with attitude being also used for the postures a person might assume for a specific purpose, or effect—be those purposes sincere or not. By the mid-18th century, the word attitudinarian had been coined to label those in the habit of practicing such attitudes—those we might also call poseurs. By the end of that same century the word attitudinize was available for complaints about such behavior.
Example: "She kept her position; she seemed absorbed in the view. 'Is she posing—is she attitudinizing for my benefit?' Longueville asked of himself." — Henry James, Confidence, 1879.

THE ODD WORD

Abactor
Cattle thief.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A dime a dozen

Meaning: This phrase is used to describe things that are abundant in quantity and/or very cheap; something that's easily acquired.
Origin: In the year 1796, the first U.S. dimes were produced for circulation. Thus, I think it's reasonable to say the phrase's origin must have happened during or after that year. From what I've seen, this phrase probably originated during the 1800s. I say this because during this century, various newspapers had advertisements that were selling different foods for the literal price of a dime a dozen.
For example, some of the foods being sold at that price (based on the newspapers I saw) were eggs, oranges, peaches, and others. Of course, the dime was worth more back then compared to its value today, but even so, it sounds like people were getting a nice deal. Anyways, one of the newspapers that mentioned these kinds of prices was the Galveston Daily News, 1866: "The San Antonio Ledger says the city is well stocked with peaches at a dime a dozen."

QUOTE BOX

The whole value of the dime is in knowing what to do with it.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

& FRO
& &

Answer: To and fro.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Makes mistake
5 Management degree
8 Liver secretion or ill-temper ?
12 Base of a plant
13 Painted or represented
15 Indigenous
17 Gaze intently
18 The poetical name for 'Ireland'
19 Mem of the Leg. Council
21 Garments
24 Entirely
27 Get rid off
30 Inlet for "air" change !
31 Fundamental or underlying
32 Moved fast by using one's feet
33 "Bargained" for strong fabric
35 Subscriber Trunk Dialling, in short
36 Greek letter
37 Large deer
39 Riga resident
41 Finds pleasing
45 Susceptibility to injury or attack
49 A short account of a story
50 Author Hubbard
51 Neat and in good order
52 Decimal base
53 Trig. ratio

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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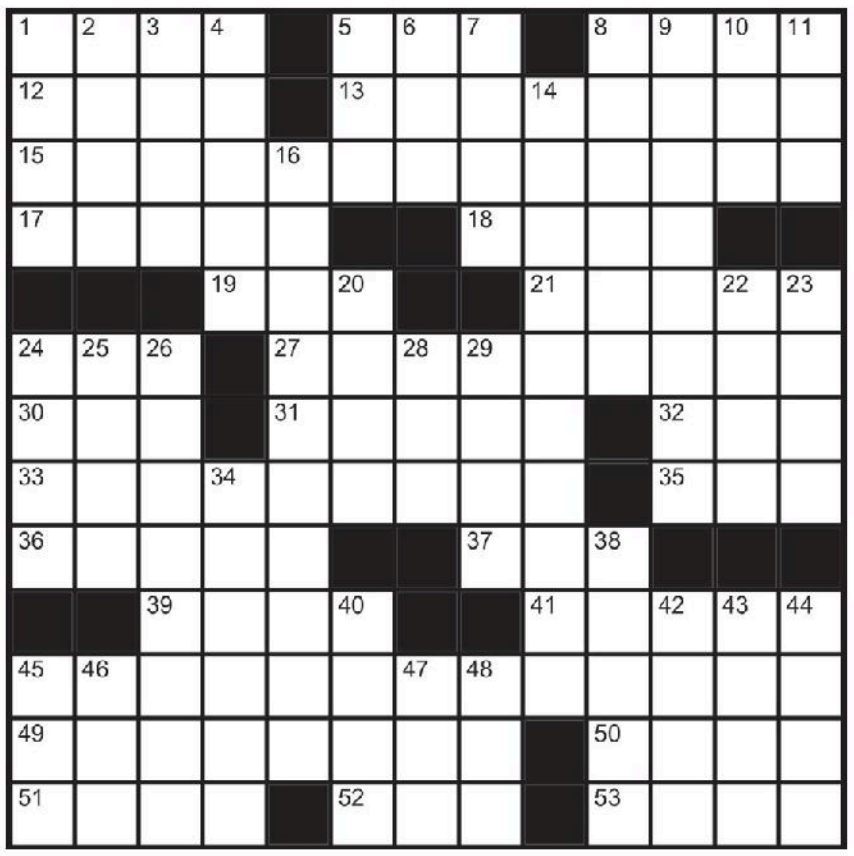
DOWN

1 Eons or epochs
2 Disastrous defeat
3 A roster of names listing duties
4 Squall
5 Miles per hour
6 ___ by ___ (same word) : in parts ?
7 Pain; long for or crave
8 A painful swelling of the big toe
9 They do not a prison (or a cage) make.... ! (4,4)
10 A coin and monetary unit of Rumania, equal to 100 bani
11 Walsh and O'Neill
14 Inventor of the barometer
16 Renowned
20 Dressed
22 Coup d'- ___ : change of Govt.
23 Transmit
24 Jason's craft
25 Irish writer O'Flaherty
26 Designated; put tags on
28 Ind. Standards Inst.
29 Ore source
34 Employment bureau
38 ___ time : wastes time by idling away ?
40 Jogging gait
42 Soprano Te Kanawa
43 English public school
44 Auld Lang ___ : days of long ago ?
45 Large container
46 One as a prefix
47 Broke bread
48 ___ Kingsley: Mahatma on the screen ?



SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

5	2	7	6	9	4	1	3	8
6	4	3	1	7	8	9	2	5
8	1	9	3	5	2	6	7	4
1	6	4	5	3	7	8	9	2
2	9	8	4	1	6	7	5	3
7	3	5	8	2	9	4	1	6
3	8	1	7	4	5	2	6	9
4	7	2	9	6	3	5	8	1
9	5	6	2	8	1	3	4	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ETGIBEH TJ VF BK TCBHBESX. B SV GIF LTVUBEFM

FJJTCG TJ FNFCWUTMW B'NF FNFC YETPE.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Do not weep; do not wax indignant. Understand.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Roberrt (K)	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Munduvareda Adhyaya (K)	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Chaavu Kaburu Challaga (Te)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
Mumbai Saga (H)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Hero (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am; (S-3) 4.15 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4.10 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 6.45 pm
Mumbai Saga (H)	(S-1)	7.20 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm, 4.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Chaavu Kaburu Challagaa (Te)	(S-2)	10.35 am, 9.45 pm
Sasi (Te)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Jathi Rathnalu (Te)	(S-2)	4 pm
Mosagallu (Te)	(S-2)	7 pm
Munduvareda Adhyaya (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
Ondu Ghanteya Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
The Priest (Ma)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 2.15 pm, 6 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-2)	8.45 pm
Mumbai Saga (H)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 3.45 pm, 9.55
Ondu Ghanteya Kathe (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Chaavu Kaburu Challagaa (Te)	(S-2)	10.50 am; (S-3) 6.45 pm
Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar (H)	(S-2)	2.05 pm
Jathi Rathnalu (Te)	(S-2)	5.15 pm
Mosagallu (Te)	(S-4)	12.00 noon
Sasi (Te)	(S-4)	3.15 pm
Munduvareda Adhyaya (K)	(S-4)	6.30 pm
The Priest (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ondu Ghanteya Kathe (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar (H)	(S-1)	12.30 pm, 3 pm
Mosagallu (Te)	(S-1)	5.30 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	8.15 pm
	(S-2)	11 am, 2.30 pm, 6 pm , 9.15
Mumbai Saga (H)	(S-3)	1.45 am, 4.05 pm, 6.35 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 pm
The Priest (Ma)	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-4)	6.20 pm
Munduvareda Adhyaya (K)	(S-4)	11.15 am, 3.50 pm
Ondu Ghanteya Kathe (K)	(S-4)	1.45 pm

PVR

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357088

Roberrt (K)	:	10 am, 11 am, 1.40 pm, 2.40 pm, 5.20 pm 5.50 pm, 6.20 pm, 9 pm, 9.30, 10 pm
Mumbai Saga (H)	:	9.30 am, 12.30 pm, 3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar (H)	:	11.45 am, 6.30 pm
Mosagallu (Te)	:	3.30 pm
Roohi (H)	:	2.45 am, 9.45 pm
Chaavu Kaburu Challagaa (Te)	:	12 noon, 6.40 pm
The Priest (Ma)	:	6.30 pm
Ondhu Ganteya Kathe (K)	:	9.55 am
Sasi (Te)	:	12.25 pm
Jathi Rathnalu (Te)	:	3.10 pm, 9.50 pm

Garuda Mall, 1st Floor. Mob: 9901357088

Roberrt (K)	:	11 am, 2.10 pm, 2.40 pm, 5.50 pm 6.20 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Chaavu Kaburu Challagaa (Te)	:	3.20 pm
Roohi (H)	:	3.35 pm
Jathi Rathnalu (Te)	:	10.50 am, 6.30 pm
Hero (K)	:	12.40 pm
Mumbai Saga (H)	:	12.20 pm, 6.40 pm
Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar (H)	:	9.40 pm
The Priest (Ma)	:	9.50 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Bicycle awareness rally to mark World Sparrow Day tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (RKB&KS)- Marking World Sparrow Day, a bicycle rally to create awareness on conservation of birds and animals during summer has been organised by KMPK Charitable Trust tomorrow at 7 am.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Congress leader and former Wildlife Warden N.M. Naveen Kumar said that the cycle rally would be flagged off from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, near the North Gate of Mysore Palace at 7 am and the rallyists will pass through Hardinge Circle, Doddakere Maidan Road, Gun House Circle, Chamaraja Double Road, Ramaswamy Circle, Maharaja College Grounds, Kautilya Circle and culminate at Kukkarahalli Lake.

A programme will be followed after the rally in which DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, theatre artiste Mandya Ramesh, Dr. S.P. Yoganna of Suyog Hospital and Dr. Santhrupth of Gopala Gowda Hospital will participate, he said.

S.E. Girish of Jeevadhara Blood Bank, KMPK Charitable Trust President Vikram Iyengar, Secretary Ajay Shastry, Pasisara Snehi Team President Lohith were present at the press meet.

Vedike fixes pots atop trees to quench thirst of squirrels, birds

Mysuru, Mar. 19 (RKB&SSV)- To quench the thirst of birds and squirrels, Mysuru Kannada Vedike has started tying earthen pots on trees near Agrahara on Sayyaji Rao Road in city.

This novel initiative has been taken up on behalf of late D.V. Gundappa Memorial Forum across the city. Aim of this programme is to provide water to birds and squirrels during the ongoing summer season.

S.Balakrishna, President of Mysuru Kannada Vedike told *SOM* that they have tied 20 earthen pots on 10 trees. Cost of each pot is Rs.50. They have tied pot on alternative tree. More than hundreds of birds and squirrels live on this row of trees. The pots have been tied within the reach of people to fill it up daily. Shop-keepers and hotel owners on this street have been requested to fill it up. Apart from this, an activist of Vedike will carry water in a plastic pot on two-wheeler and fill it daily.

"Since each earthen pot costs Rs. 50, our forum cannot afford to buy it for the whole city. We are ready to fix the pots on more trees in city if somebody comes forward to sponsor the pots as it will benefit potters too", he added.

He also appealed to the people to put an earthen pot on terrace of houses and fill up water so that birds and squirrels come to drink water especially during extreme heat condition.

Dr. Mahesh, LIC Siddappa, Gurubasappa, Palace Babu, Bogadi Siddegowda and others were present on the occasion.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 19)

- **The Jewellery Show:** Three-day expo-cum-sale of Genius BIS Hall Marked Gold Jewellery and also international GIA & IGI Graded Diamond Jewellery, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, **upto 8 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, Opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **upto 9.30 pm.**
- **Department of Studies in Botany - Botanical Society, University of Mysore (UoM):** Special lecture on 'Role of Botanists in Developing Urban Green Spaces and Plant Conservation' by Dr. U.M. Chandrashekara, Senior Principal Scientist (Retd.), Kerala Forest Research Institute Sub-Centre, Nilambur; Botany Department Chairperson Professor Dr.M.S. Sharada presides, Linnaeus Hall, Manasagangothri, **4.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Veena Chokkamma Memorial Programme, Special Nagaswara-Flute Duet by Vid. Melukote Sridhar-Vidu. Smitha Srikiran, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. R. Chandra on thavil, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.** [Also available on YouTube and Facebook page of Ganabharathi]
- **Abhiyenthararu - A theatre for Engineers and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival), Staging of Hindi play **'Khidki'** by Abhinay Kalyan, Mumbai [Written and Directed by Abhijith Junjarao]; Directed by Shankar Ganesh], Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 20)

- **Nanjangud Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Subbarayanakere, Mysuru:** Guru Vaibhavotsava-2021, Phala Panchamarutha, **8 am;** Laksha Pushparchane, Sri Sudarshana Homa, **9 am;** Rathotsava, Mutt premises, **11 am.**
- **Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samithi, Jayalakshmipuram:** Sri Raghavendraswamy Pattabhisheka and Vardhanthi Mahotsava, Sri Lakshminarasimha Mantra Homa and Sri Raghavendra Ashtakaraka Mantra Homa Purnahuti, Avabhruta Snana, Mahamangalarathi, Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **12.30 pm.**
- **The Jewellery Show:** Three-day expo-cum-sale of Genius BIS Hall Marked Gold Jewellery and also international GIA & IGI Graded Diamond Jewellery, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, **10 am to 8 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, Opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Abhiyenthararu - A theatre for Engineers and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival), Staging of Kannada play *Malavikagnimitra* by Rangaratha, Bengaluru, [Written and Directed by Asif Kshatriya and Shwetha Srinivas], Mini Theatre, Kalamandira, **7 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of Shakespeare's play *Macbeth* by city's Bharatiya Rangashikshana Kendra students, Vanaranga, **7 pm.**

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